

1912 EFFORT FOR PEACE FAILED

London Foreign Office Gives British Version of German Negotiations.

CLAIMS BERLIN SOUGHT AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

Great Britain Not Willing to Give an Absolute Pledge of Neutrality.

LONDON, September 1.—The British foreign office has issued a lengthy statement concerning the negotiations between Great Britain and Germany in 1912, compiled from the official records in the foreign office. The statement follows:

"An account of the 1912 Anglo-German negotiations was published in the semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung last month. This account was misleading, and no doubt was intended to mislead. It made it appear that the British government had at that time rejected what would be regarded in many quarters as a reasonable offer of friendship from Germany. In these circumstances it may be as well to publish a statement of facts compiled from the official records here.

Early in 1912 the German chancellor telegraphed to Lord Haldane (then British lord high chancellor) the following formula as one which would meet the views of the imperial government:

Proposed German Formula.

"First. The high contracting parties assure each other mutually of their desire for peace and friendship. "Second. They will, either of them, make, or prepare to make, any unprovoked attack upon the other, or join in any combination or design against the other for the purposes of aggression, or become a party to any plan of naval or military enterprise, alone or in combination with any other power, directed to such an end, and declare themselves not to be bound by any such engagement.

"Third. If either of the high contracting parties becomes entangled in war with one or more powers, in which it cannot be said to be the aggressor, the other party will at least observe toward the power so entangled benevolent neutrality, and will use its utmost endeavor for the localization of the conflict. If either of the high contracting parties is forced to go to war by obvious provocation by a third party, they bind themselves to enter into an exchange of views concerning their attitude on such a conflict.

"Fourth. The duty of neutrality which arises out of the preceding articles has no application in so far as it may not be reconcilable with existing agreements which the high contracting parties already have made.

New Agreements Barred.

"Fifth. The making of new agreements which render it impossible for either of the parties to observe neutrality toward the other beyond what is provided by the preceding limitations is excluded in conformity with the provisions of Article 2.

"Sixth. The high contracting parties declare they will do all in their power to prevent differences and misunderstandings arising between them and other powers.

"These conditions, although in appearance fair as between the parties, would have been grossly unfair and one-sided in their operation. Owing to the general position of the European powers and the treaty engagements by which they were bound, the result of articles 4 and 5 would have been that while Germany, in case of a European conflict, would have remained free to support her friends, this country would have been forbidden to raise a finger in defense of hers.

Germany could arrange without difficulty that the formal inception of hostilities should rest with Austria. If Austria and Russia were at war Germany would support Austria, as is evident from what occurred at the end of July, 1914, while as soon as Russia was attacked by two powers France was bound to come to her assistance. In other words, the pledge of neutrality offered by Germany would have been absolutely valueless because she could always plead the necessity of fulfilling her existing obligations under the triple alliance as an excuse for departing from neutrality.

Bound by No Alliances.

"On the other hand, no such departure, however serious the provocation, would have been possible for this country, which was bound by no alliances, with the exception of those of Japan and Portugal, while the making of fresh alliances was prohibited by article 5. In a word, as appeared still more evident later, there was to be a guarantee of absolute neutrality on one side, but not on the other. It was impossible for us to enter into a contract so obviously inequitable. On this understanding Sir Edward Grey on the 14th of March, 1912, gave Count Wolff-Metternich the following draft formula, which had been approved by the cabinet.

"England will make no unprovoked attack upon Germany and pursue no aggressive policy toward her. Aggression upon Germany is not the subject of any treaty, and if Germany desired to crush France, England might not be able to sit still, though if France were aggressive or attacked Germany no support would be given by his majesty's government or approved by England.

"It is obvious that the real object of the German proposal was to obtain the neutrality of England in all eventualities, since should war break out Germany would certainly contend that it had been forced upon her and would claim that England should remain neutral.

"An admirable example of this is the present war, in which, in spite of the facts, Germany contends war has been forced upon her. Even the third member of the triple alliance, who had sources of information not open to us, Red Top Rye—High Balls

did not share this view, but regarded it as an aggressive war.

New Proposal by England.

"Sir Edward Grey eventually proposed the following formula: "The two powers being mutually desirous of securing peace and friendship between them, England declares that she will neither make nor join in any unprovoked attack on Germany. Aggression upon Germany forms no part of any treaty, understanding or combination to which England now is a party, nor will she become a party to anything that has such an object."

"Sir Edward Grey when he handed this formula to Count Wolff-Metternich said that the use of the word neutrality would convey the impression that more was meant than was warranted by the text. He suggested that the substance of what was required would be obtained from the more accurately expressed words, 'will neither make nor join in any unprovoked attack.'

"Count Wolff-Metternich thereupon received instructions to make it quite clear that the chancellor could recommend to the emperor to give up the essential parts of the Novelle (the bill then pending for an increase of the German navy), only if we could conclude an agreement guaranteeing neutrality of a far-reaching character and leaving no doubt as to its interpretation. He admitted that the chancellor's wish amounted to a guarantee of absolute neutrality, failing which the Novelle must proceed.

Left the Door Open.

"Count Wolff-Metternich stated that there was no chance of a withdrawal of the Novelle, but said that it might be modified. It would be disappointing to the chancellor if we did not go beyond the formula we had suggested. Sir Edward Grey said that he could understand that there would be disappointment if his majesty's government were to state that the carrying out of the Novelle would put an end to the negotiations and form an insurmountable obstacle to better relations.

"His majesty's government did not say this and they hoped that the formula which they had suggested might be considered by the emperor, the discussion of territorial arrangements, even if it did not prove effective in preventing an increase in the naval expenditures.

"Sir Edward Grey added that if some arrangement could be made between the two governments it would have a favorable, though indirect, effect upon naval expenditures; as time went on, it would have, moreover, a favorable direct effect on the public opinion of both countries.

"A few days afterward Count Wolff-Metternich communicated to Sir Edward Grey the substance of a letter from the chancellor, in which the latter said that, as the formula suggested by his majesty's government was, from the German point of view, insufficient and as his majesty's government did not agree to the larger formula for which he had asked, the Novelle must proceed on the lines on which it had been presented to the federal council.

"The negotiations then came to an end, and with them the hope of mutual reduction in the expenditure for armaments by the two countries."

BLOOD TEST FOR BABIES.

Dr. C. A. Zell Says Presence of Disease Can Be Determined in Humans.

OAKLAND, Cal., September 1.—Dr. Charles A. Zell, a veterinary surgeon of Chicago, told a section of the American Veterinary Medical Association here yesterday that blood tests of the sort used by physicians in establishing various diseases also may be used for the immediate determination of rabies in lower animals or in human beings bitten by them. By this test, he said, he could determine at once whether Pasteur treatment should be given.

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MR. HOUSTON TO URGE RURAL CREDITS PLAN

Report of Secretary of Agriculture Will Deal Also With Conservation.

Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture intends to renew in his coming annual report, he announced today, his suggestions as to what should be provided in rural credits legislation, on which a joint committee of Congress is to work and report at the December session. Secretary Houston has just returned from his vacation, spent in New England.

He will lay special stress also on the conservation of the meat supply of the country, on the importance of the work of developing the marketing and purchasing of agricultural products along co-operative lines, on the economic value of the national forests and on the workings of the new cotton futures law.

Value of Forest Conservation.

"I recently made a thorough investigation of the forests in the west," said Secretary Houston, "and I believe the great mass of people do not adequately appreciate the value of their conservation. We believe the country can be built up better under a proper forestry policy than under any plan where the nation's lands may be exploited and the national forests really mean to the successful development of this country the department will point out."

Secretary Houston believes that diversification of crops is not only of great importance to the general farming interests, but has proven a great factor in the betterment of the cotton situation in the south.

To Tackle Cotton Problems.

With the foreign questions involved in the cotton problem of today the department is not specially concerned, but Secretary Houston called attention to the fact that the price of cotton is now higher, its cost of raising is lower and many cotton farmers have been helped out by adopting the plan of diversifying their crops. A variety of cotton problems will be worked out under investigations to be provided for in the coming estimates to Congress.

Many special field investigations are being completed. One of the most important of these is the inquiry into the citrus rust imported into Texas from

Japan, and which has caused so much concern that the Florida legislature recently appropriated \$125,000 for state co-operation with the federal experts.

SELLING FRUIT AT AUCTION.

Effort in New York to Benefit Producer and Consumer.

NEW YORK, September 1.—The fruit auctions, by which the state department of foods and markets hopes to aid both producer and consumer, began today at Red Hook, N. Y. Nearly 50,000 barrels of apples were offered and will be offered tomorrow at Gardner, N. Y., and the biggest peach crop the state of New York ever knew will be offered at auction in this city within a week. If the auction idea is successful it will be extended to every type of fruit and produce extensively grown in the state.

Preliminary inquiries indicate about 400 buyers from all of the larger fruit houses of New York will attend the sale, and representatives from St. Paul, Cleveland, Chicago and other cities have indicated they will buy.

The state will charge a commission of 5 per cent, and will have charge of the auction. All prices will be a matter of record.

Observe Their Queen's Birthday.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 1.—Hollenders from all parts of California were gathered here today to celebrate with special exercises at the Panama-Pacific exposition the birthday anniversary of Queen Wilhelmina. Chevalier W. L. F. C. van Haphard, minister to the United States from the Netherlands, was the honored guest. Baron van Eck, president of the Holland-American Chamber of Commerce, was chairman of the day.

KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS INDORSE MR. WILSON

Declare in Favor of His Renomination for Presidency in 1916.

Virtues of Chief Executive Extolled. Several State Reforms Pledged by Party.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., September 1.—Kentucky democrats in state platform convention here last night indorsed the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and declared in favor of his renomination in 1916. The resolution was adopted unanimously and read in part:

"We believe that his mastery of the situation (referring to the European war) requires his nomination in 1916, and heartily indorse him as the party's efficient and trusted leader in the coming national election, believing that patriots without regard to the party recognize Woodrow Wilson as the one man best suited to bear the burdens and perform the herculean tasks now confronting the President of the United States."

Lauds President's Virtues.

The resolution committee, of which Senator Ollie James was chairman, further extolled the President's virtues. "Our great President has been

called upon to solve the most grave and serious problems which have ever faced any executive in this generation, and his patience, strength and superb statesmanship have deserved and received the confidence and approval of his countrymen and the admiration of the world," the resolution declared.

The convention declared in favor of continuing in force the county unit, or local option law, as against state-wide prohibition.

Other planks in the platform pledged the party to further a constitutional amendment permitting convict labor on public roads and eliminating the prison contract system; changes in the state taxation system; educational reforms and extensions and an anti-pass law.

Other Reforms Pledged.

Other reforms that the party pledged itself to champion were a workmen's compensation act, anti-trust laws and a corrupt practices act.

More than 2,000 delegates attended the convention, the largest in Kentucky's history. Former Representative Augustus O. Stanley is the democratic nominee for governor.

W. B. Haldeman of Louisville was named as national committeeman, to succeed E. Woodson of Owensboro.

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16 patterns at this price. (50c a Week.)

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26 patterns at this price. (50c a Week.)

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in the courts of France.

It is stated officially here that the decision holding the transfer of the Dacia from German to American ownership and register illegal, was based on an erroneous finding of facts in several particulars. The court acted on the assumption that the cargo of cotton carried by the Dacia was purchased with the ship from the German owners, although, according to evidence before the State Department, no such cargo was loaded on the vessel after she changed hands.

ACTION BY U. S. TO WAIT.

Owner of Dacia Must Exhaust Court Action Before Diplomacy Is Used.

Diplomacy will not be resorted to by the United States in the case of the former Hamburg-American liner Dacia, combined with her cargo of cotton by a French prize court, until the ship's owner has exhausted his right of appeal

in the courts of France.

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